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PLAGUE IN RATS.

Clarence River.—Rats examined for week from Ulmarra, Woodford Island, North Grafton, South Grafton, Harwood Island, 394; infected, 4.

Richmond River.—About 200 rats examined from Ballina, Lismore, Coraki, and Casino; infected, none.

By order.

G. H. KING, *Secretary*.

No. 7.

Bulletin for week ended 1 p. m. Saturday, March 4, 1905:

Remaining under treatment February 25, 1905.....	0
Notified during week.....	0
Discharged during week.....	0
Died during week.....	0
Remaining under treatment March 4, 1905.....	0

PLAGUE IN RATS.

Clarence River.—Rats examined for week from Ulmarra, North Grafton, South Grafton, Woodford Island, Harwood Island, 277; infected, none.

Richmond River.—Cleansing operations at Ballina have been completed and staff withdrawn.

By order.

G. H. KING, *Secretary*.

No. 8.

Bulletin for week ended 1 p. m., Saturday, March 11, 1905:

Remaining under treatment March 4, 1905.....	0
Admitted during week.....	0

PLAGUE IN RATS.

Rats examined during week from Ulmarra, 105; North Grafton, 35; South Grafton, 3; Southgate, 5; Harwood Island, 3; total, 151; infected, none.

By order.

G. H. KING, *Secretary*.

N. B.—The Clarence and Richmond River areas will be declared free from infection at the board meeting to be held on March 14, 1905. No further bulletins will be issued from this date.

Northern Rivers district declared free from infection.

VICTORIA, *March 23, 1905.*

Premier New South Wales reports that all plague patients have been discharged from hospital in Northern Rivers district, and district declared free from infection.

G. H. REID.

AMERICAN CONSUL-GENERAL, *Melbourne.*